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He was getting worried that these people would forget about them if they didn't make a sound.

Ever since they arrived, they had been chatting with each other. None of them paid any attention to the four students.

Like Xie Jiling's classmates, the four students had used their holidays to travel here for fun.

However, these four students were from a college closer to Ta Town. It was a college from the same province.

So, traveling here was more convenient for them.

Initially, they had never intended to go on an adventure.

However, Ghost Town was famous, so they wanted to check it out.

But when they checked into the homestay, the owner of the homestay told them about the two missing cases in the past.

This made them curious.

They never had the intention of going on an adventure. However, when they heard about it, they wanted to stay and see things for themselves.

But who would have thought that Ghost Town would be so terrifying at night?

It was so dark one couldn't even see one's hand.

Initially, because the scenic area wasn't allowed to be too developed, the closest place with people was an hour's drive away.

As such, if one looked into the distance from Ghost Town, one would not see any lights.

Usually, in a place away from light pollution, one would see a lot of stars in the night sky.

But unfortunately, Ghost Town was very foggy, covering the night sky above.

This place was truly so dark that one would not even be able to see one's own hand.

One would not see any light.

Even the moonlight and the starlights were blocked by the fog.

In an environment like this, the four were scared even if they still hadn't seen any vengeful spirits.

They wanted to go out.

However, the fog was everywhere. Where could they go?

They had no idea!

They couldn't figure out the directions.

They could rely on the stars to figure out the directions.

However, the sky was being blocked by the fog!

The four felt very regretful.

Fortunately, they bumped into Xie Jiwen and felt hopeful.

What the guy said caught their attention.

And he immediately said, "We aren't going to wait here anymore. Why don't you send us outside?"

Xie Jiwen shook his head and said, "If you leave now, it's not as safe as being here."

"Just stay in this area formation until daytime, and you can walk out by yourselves by then." Xie Jiwen said.

"Yes." Xie Jiling said, "We are not sure what is in here. If we encounter something while we are walking you all to the exit, what are we going to do? By then, we would have to protect you, and that would hinder our movements, which would be even more troublesome for us."

When the four students heard what they said, they didn't respond.

Xie Jiling took out her compass and said, "I set up a spirit-attracting formation this morning. We can check that area."

"No wonder that area has a thicker spiritual aura than other areas," Xie Jiwen said.

At this moment, Han Zhuofeng, being his mischievous self, asked, "Why is elder brother able to detect the amount of spiritual aura when you need to rely on the compass?"

Xie Jiwen was speechless.

Suddenly, he no longer felt worried.

With Han Zhuofeng's ability, there was no way he could flirt and get a girlfriend.

Xie Jiling didn't think there was anything wrong with what Han Zhuofeng asked.

So, she patiently explained, "Everyone has different talents. My elder brother's talent is to detect the waves of spiritual power without the need for a compass. My talent is to make high-level talismans."

Xie Jiling seemed to be worried that Han Zhuofeng might not understand as she continued explaining, "Not every exorcist can make a high-level talisman. This has something to do with one's ability to manipulate the energies in a talisman."

Han Zhuofeng nodded, indicating that he understood.

When they started chatting with each other again, one of the boys made a noise to remind Xie Jiling and the others about their existence.

"Erm... Are you all leaving just like that? What about us?" the boy asked.

“Just stay in the same spot, and nothing will happen to you,” Xie Jiwen said, “As long as you don’t leave the area formation that I have set up, even if there is something in here, it will not be able to break its way into the area formation.”

“The worst thing that might happen would be a visually striking experience,” Xie Jiwen said.

The students’ faces turned pale.

They instantly knew what Xie Jiwen meant by a visually striking experience.

Could vengeful spirits be good-looking?

Vengeful spirits would definitely look horrible, as they were very good at frightening people.

If the vengeful spirit continued attacking them from outside the area formation...

That would be a very intense imagery.

“We... still think it would be safer for us to follow you.” A boy said.

Xie Jiwen had said everything he should. When he saw that they still had such intentions, he deepened his voice and said, “If you want to live, then behave yourselves and stay in the area formation. Don’t move a single step outside of it. If you leave the area formation and actually encountered something, I would not be responsible for that.”

“If you are really scared, close your eyes and stop looking,” Xie Jiwen said, “If you follow us, it won’t be as safe as being in the area formation. Who knows what could have caused you to be separated from the group along the way?”

“It is very foggy here. If you got taken away, no one will hear or see a thing.” Xie Jiwen added.

“Therefore, you four should hug each other. If you hear any sounds, cover your ears. If you are scared of seeing something, close your eyes. No matter what you see or hear, just don’t move,” Xie Jiwen elaborated.

“If your phone isn’t out of battery, you can use earphones and listen to some music to block out the noises in the surrounding.” Xie Jiling advised.

“Let’s go.” Xie Jiwen urged.

Xie Jiling nodded.

She had a compass in her hands, while Xie Jiwen could detect spiritual waves with his talent.

The two walked up to the front and finally arrived at the spirit-attracting formation Xie Jiling had set up this morning.

It had to be the same thing Xie Jiwen had detected earlier.

“Who are you all?”

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At this moment, a middle-aged man’s voice sounded.

Everyone turned and saw two middle-aged men walking over with grumpy expressions.

These two people were the great masters Ghost Town had hired.

Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng had seen them at the gates.

The two had been walking around, and one of them was holding a compass.

They stuck a brightness talisman on the compass.

But the light of this brightness talisman was much dimmer than that of Xie Jiwen.

It was no match against Xie Jiling's brightness talisman.

Xie Jiling's brightness talismans were all high-level talismans. In addition, she was using multiple talismans at the same time. This was why her light was so bright.

As for Xie Jiwen's light, he was using only one high-level brightness talisman. But still, it was much brighter than the beginner-level brightness talisman the two were using.

The two didn't see the difference when they saw the light from afar. But as they came closer, they realized that the difference in the intensity of brightness was crazy.

Xie Jiling's light was so bright. Compared to her light, the two great masters' light was so dim it was barely noticeable.

However, the two didn't notice that Xie Jiling's light was emitted by brightness talismans.

They thought that the light was coming from a flashlight.

When the two men came in, they were instructed by the staff members of Ghost Town to send out any tourists they found deliberately hiding inside.

The two had to survey the areas inside Ghost Town anyway. As such, while they were walking around, they conveniently searched for people.

Initially, they thought that they would only see two or three visitors.

But they didn't expect to see such a huge group of people.

The four students in the group looked really young.

Obviously, the two great masters had mistaken Xie Jiwen, Xie Jiling, Han Zhuofeng, and Hu Kaiyin as part of the group of university students.

In this group of people, Xie Jiwen was the one who looked the oldest.

But even Xie Jiwen was a young man.

And so, the two great masters thought that they were all part of the same group.

They had intentionally hidden here for an adventure.

"This is not a place where you can stay for fun!" one of the two said, "Let's go! We will send you outside."

“Exorcists?” Xie Jiwen smiled and said, “Which sect do you two belong to?”

When the two heard this, they realized that Xie Jiwen was rather knowledgeable.

He appeared so calm he didn’t seem like someone who had entered this place for fun.

And so, the two subconsciously scrutinized Xie Jiwen.

When they started observing, they were shocked.

They thought that the group had prepared in advance, which was why Xie Jiwen’s light was so bright.

They thought that they had brought a super bright and large flashlight.

Before they came here, the staff member had given them an introduction to Ghost Town.

They knew that it would be really foggy at night.

The two had brightness talisman.

But they had to cherish their talisman because drawing one was difficult.

They would rather sell it than use it themselves.

And so, they had prepared a super bright flashlight.

However, for the convenience of carrying, they didn’t bring a big one. They did the same as Xie Jiling and brought a small flashlight that they could bring around everywhere.

But then, a small flashlight couldn’t actually light up a big area.

The fog here was thicker than the two had expected.

And so, the two had no choice but to use the brightness talisman.

They couldn’t use a high-level talisman and be as extravagant as Xie Jiwen.

Of course, they also couldn’t roll their talismans into a stick like Xie Jiling.

The two were frugal as they used only one. As long as they could see the path around them, it was good enough.

The beginner-level brightness talisman was not very bright, but its light wave could travel much further than that of the flashlight.

And so, when they saw Xie Jiwen’s very intense light, they thought that Xie Jiwen was using an extra large bright flashlight.

They assumed that the light of a small bright flashlight wouldn’t be too strong.

But an extra-large one might be different.

But then, they heard Xie Jiwen ask them about their sect.

Xie Jiwen sounded very professional.

And they then guessed that Xie Jiwen must be an exorcist as well.

And so, the two great masters started observing Xie Jiwen.

They were shocked by what they noticed.

Xie Jiwen was holding a high-level brightness talisman!

A high-level talisman!

And he used it to light up his way!

However, would a high-level brightness talisman really work this well?

This brightness was a bit too strong.

While they were confused about that, one of the two noticed something.

He saw the stick of talismans in Xie Jiling's hand.

Immediately, he secretly tugged his partner and hinted for his partner to look over there.

His partner stared at it in disbelief.

That was too extravagant!

The two started counting with their fingers, and they still couldn't think of any sect that was so rich and generous that they would give youngsters high-level brightness talismans for fun.

After all, high-level talismans were good items anywhere.

How could such items be wasted like this?!

Of course, maybe these two youngsters were the most valuable disciples of a sect.

Maybe they were part of the second generation or third generation of the sect.

If not, who could let them be so wasteful?!

Two wasteful youngsters!

The two refused to admit that they were jealous!

They wanted to do it for fun as well!

When the two great masters discovered that they had bumped into people in their line of work and that these people held talismans and were not scammers...

One of them clasped their fists and showed a much better attitude. "We are the disciples of Xuan Yi Sect. My name is Zhang Dingsong, and this is my junior martial brother Chen Dinglin."

When Xie Jiling heard the introduction, she realized that they were part of the same sect as someone she knew.

The character for the names in their generation would be Ding.

Xie Jiling knew that they were real exorcists. They were not scammers.

Xie Jiling said, "Xuan Yi Sect. I know Luo Dingzhen from your sect."

When the two heard this, they smiled and said, "What a coincidence! He is our junior martial brother."

Initially, they didn't really like Luo Dingzhen.

Luo Dingzhen was not really capable, but he was very competitive.

But a while ago, for some reason, Luo Dingzhen suddenly went back to the sect.

Luo Dingzhen said that he wanted to learn more from his teacher.

He stopped competing with the other brothers and focused on training.

After training for a while, he left the sect to test out his skills. Then, he came back and started training again.

It was unknown as to what had provoked him.

"Who are you..." Zhang Dingsong asked.

Xie Jiwen smiled and said, "My name is Xie Jiwen, and this is my little sister Xie Jiling. We heard about the strange things that are happening in Ghost Town, so we decided to come to check things out."

"These two are our friends, and they came in here with us. As for these four students, we bumped into them. I set up an area formation, and as long as they are in the area formation, they will be safe. If we sent them out and something happened while we were on the way out, it would be more dangerous."

Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin thought about it and agreed that his words were reasonable.

But then, the two immediately noticed something off..

"Area formation?" Chen Dinglin stared at Xie Jiwen in shock as he said, "You... You know how to set up an area formation?"

The ability to set up an area formation was a rare skill in any sect.

From ancient times until now, not many teachings about area formations could be found.

Moreover...

There were many types of area formations. Their functions varied, and the patterns of each area formation were drawn differently.

In addition to the drawings of area formations being complicated, it was troublesome to remember them as well.

The number of area formation patterns one could remember was limited.

The pattern of a single area formation was very complicated. It was already considered good to remember one, not to mention a few.

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Of course, even if the members of the Xuan Yi Sect wanted to remember a few more, they didn't have the opportunity to do so.

The limitation of memory was one reason.

The other reasons were that the pattern of an area formation was simply too complicated to memorize.

A talisman was considered a small area formation.

Even drawing a small talisman would use up a lot of mental power.

Not to mention the energy needed to draw an area formation.

It was just like what Xie Jiling had mentioned. Setting up an area formation would exhaust mental power.

The bigger the area formation, the more complicated it would be and the greater the area under its protection would be. However, it would also exhaust more mental power.

As such, even if one knew how to set up an area formation, it would be very difficult to complete the setup.

Even if one had the heart to do such a thing, one would need the energy to complete it!

But Xie Jiwen said he had set one up?

Chen Dinglin saw two people beside Xie Jiling and Xie Jiwen.

And he thought that maybe these other two knew how to set up an area formation and the four had completed this together.

Chen Dinglin then asked, "These two are..."

"They are our friends." Xie Jiwen answered.

When Chen Dinglin heard this, he immediately said, "They are not exorcists?"

"No." Xie Jiwen said.

Chen Dinglin didn't know which he should feel surprised for.

If they weren't exorcists...

It meant that Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling had set up this area formation together...

Chen Dinglin thought that it was possible for four people to set up one area formation.

But two people...

That would still be very difficult.

Even drawing talismans would use up a lot of mental power.

Talismans were very small, not to mention the amount of energy needed for an area formation.

“Did you two draw the area formation together?” Chen Dinglin asked in surprise.

“Of course not,” Xie Jiwen replied puzzledly.

He looked older than Xie Jiling and smarter than Xie Jiling.

But he grew up in the Xie Family and was taught high-level exorcism methods by the seniors of the Xie Family.

Xie Jiwen had long been accustomed to these things.

He knew that the other sect didn't have as many area formation patterns as the Xie Family.

However, Chen Dinglin's question of whether the area formation was drawn by two people or not was very weird to Xie Jiwen.

To Xie Jiwen, it was just an area formation.

Why would you need two people to draw it?

Xie Jiwen answered, “I drew it by myself.”

“For real?” Chen Dinglin gasped.

Xie Jiling frowned and said, “My eldest brother drew it himself. I didn't know he was coming here. We just met each other. He drew the area formation earlier.”

This was just an area formation. Why were they so shocked?

Chen Dinglin and Zhang Dingsong gasped at the same time.

They thought to themselves. ‘Are these two youngsters saying the truth?

They weren't bragging, right?

“Xie?” Zhang Dingsong suddenly recalled. “You said your surname is Xie?”

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling both nodded at the same time.

“Is it perhaps the family of exorcists, the Xie Family?” Chen Dinglin suddenly realized it as well.

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling both nodded at the same time.

“I didn't expect this!” Zhang Dingsong was so surprised and happy. “I didn't expect to see members of the Xie Family here.”

“I didn't expect you two to have such capabilities at such a young age. As expected of the Xie Family!” Chen Dinglin commented emotionally.

They had heard about the Xie Family, but they had never met a member of the Xie Family.

They knew that the exorcists of the Xie Family were very powerful.

However, they had no idea exactly how powerful they were.

As such, they didn't expect the exorcists of the Xie Family to be this powerful.

"I didn't expect to meet you all today. This way, no matter what we encounter tonight, I am confident that we can defeat it," Zhang Dingsong said with a smile.

"But these two are not exorcists. Will they be okay?" Chen Dinglin asked in an uncertain manner.

"There are too many people. It's not convenient for us to protect them. It's better to keep them safe in an area formation." Xie Jiwen said, "But if it's just these two, it will be okay as one of us can keep one safe."

Since they were very confident, Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin no longer said anything about it.

They didn't know how powerful Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling were...

But because of the area formation and the high-level talismans they possessed, the two had faith in Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling.

And it was true that they couldn't protect all these students.

And so, they instructed the four boys to behave themselves and stay right there.

The four boys were really scared and wanted to follow them.

"It will be useless even if you follow us," Xie Jiling said.

"Unless we hold hands. If you follow behind us, you will disappear amidst this fog without making a sound. We won't even notice it. Each of us can only take care of one person," Xie Jiling said.

"No demon or spirit can break into my brother's area formation." With just a glance, Xie Jiling knew.

To protect these four students, Xie Jiwen used a very strong area formation to prevent any accidents from happening.

When the four heard this, they felt more reassured.

Xie Jiling took out four brightness talismans and handed them over to them.

"If you are scared because you can't see, use this," Xie Jiling said, "But you have to remember not to go anywhere."

"I know you came here for the thrills." Xie Jiling said, "But don't lose your life for the thrills. Stay here. I promise you all that you will be able to leave safely at dawn."

"But if you think are being paranoid, and you refuse to believe us, and if you still intend to wander around by yourselves for the thrills and adventure after we leave and something bad happens, that will be none of our business." Xie Jiling said.

They had provided them with a safe place.

They weren't nannies of these four students. They were not responsible for these four students.

They couldn't lock these four up and make them listen obediently.

But they didn't walk away without a care. They did what they could to protect these four boys.

But if these four boys still wanted to do things that could kill them, then there was nothing they could do to help.

The four boys hastily nodded their heads.

"We won't run. We will sit here without moving even an inch."

Xie Jiling nodded.

She then said to Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin, "Let's go."

"Where are we going?" Chen Dinglin froze.

Xie Jiling's tone clearly conveyed that there was a destination.

"We noticed an area here with much stronger spiritual power," Xie Jiling explained.

Chen Dinglin and Zhang Dingsong immediately thought that these two members of the Xie Family were extraordinary.

They had been walking inside Ghost Town for quite a while now, and they still hadn't detected any abnormalities of the spiritual power in this place.

"Let's hurry up." Chen Dinglin said.

The two took initiative and urged Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling to take the lead.

And so, Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling led Hu Kaiyin and Han Zhuofeng and walked in front.

Xie Jiwen glanced over at Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng holding hands together.

He then stretched his hand out to hold Hu Kaiyin's hand.

Who was Hu Kaiyin?

She was a member of the Mount Lan Compound.

With her fighting skills, could she allow Xie Jiwen to hold her hand?

With the brightness talisman, everything in the surrounding could be seen.

As such, Hu Kaiyin instantly noticed what Xie Jiwen was planning on doing.

When Xie Jiwen stretched his hand toward her, Hu Kaiyin saw and moved quickly. She slapped the back of Xie Jiwen's hand.

"Pa!" The slap sounded crisp.

Han Zhuofeng cringed.

That sounded very painful...

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Han Zhuofeng couldn't help but look down at his hand which was holding Xie Jiling's hand.

He thought to himself. Thankfully, Xie Jiling was not a shrew like Hu Kaiyin.

Xie Jiling was so much better.

When Xie Jiwen heard the sound, she turned and looked over at Xie Jiwen and Hu Kaiyin.

She heard Hu Kaiyin ask Xie Jiwen, "What are you doing?"

Xie Jiwen said innocently, "I was just trying to hold your hands. It's so foggy. What if I lose you?"

"Look here. Xie Jiwen and Han Zhuofeng are doing fine holding hands, right?" Xie Jiwen gave an example.

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

Hehe. When you saw Jiling and me holding hands, you were worried like a rooster in a cockfight.

Even Chen Dinglin and Zhang Dingsong couldn't help but think, 'Is this a date for you all? Or are you all here to exorcise?'

"It's so bright. It's not very foggy," Hu Kaiyin said.

Hu Kaiyin had no ulterior motives when she said it, but what she said reminded Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling of something.

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling exchanged glances and started observing the fog.

As expected, the fog in the light was much thinner.

The fog didn't appear thinner because the light was radiating through the fog.

The fog under the light was truly thinner than outside.

"By the way, the staff member said during the day that the fog would disperse if there were enough sunlight," Xie Jiling said, "Maybe this has nothing to do with sunlight. It just has something to do with light."

"If the light is strong enough, the fog would become thinner, or it might even disappear," Xie Jiling said.

Xie Jiwen nodded and said, "This means that the existence of the fog is abnormal."

Xie Jiling followed the compass and led everyone to the area that she discovered this morning.

"This is the place." Xie Jiling stopped. "This morning, I noticed that the spiritual power in this area was much stronger. So, I set up a spirit-attracting formation. Because I didn't have enough time, I couldn't check every corner of Ghost Town."

"And so, I set up this formation, which attracts spiritual power from other areas to restore the balance of spiritual powers," Xie Jiling said.

The more Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin listened, the more shocked they felt.

They had only seen the name of such area formation in ancient books.

The teachings depicting such a legendary area formation were lost.

The book didn't mention the details of how such an area formation could be drawn and set up.

But it did mention that it was extremely difficult to set up a spirit-attracting formation.

Both the spiritual power attracting formation and the spiritual power gathering formation were really difficult area formations.

For example, if one successfully set up the spiritual power gathering formation and cultivated inside of it, one day of cultivation would be equivalent to ten days of cultivation. In addition, it would be the slowest rate.

The spiritual power gathering formation would gather spiritual power from the heavens and earth to the area where it was drawn.

This method was similar to an extraction. It was much simpler than the spirit-attracting formation.

After all, the spirit-attracting formation moved the spiritual aura around to establish balance in the area. Its function was only to move the extra spiritual aura to where it was drawn.

This method was more similar to a sustainable business.

It wouldn't solve the issue with an extreme approach.

But that type of area formation was still really difficult to set up.

However, Xie Jiling actually did it by herself.

The coverage wasn't big, but she had done it by herself.

Xie Jiling aimed the light at the extremely thick fog.

She realized that the fog here was too thick. Even with the light of the brightness talisman...

The fog only became slightly thinner. The light didn't really help.

There was nothing she could do. The fog here was too thick.

Xie Jiling stopped bothering with that. She held the compass and walked around.

Han Zhuofeng followed her closely.

"Jiling, here." Xie Jiwen called out.

Xie Jiling rushed over there.

The moment she rushed over there, the needle on the compass started trembling.

"How did that happen? I was so near, but the compass didn't react at all. It only started reacting when I arrived here, Xie Jiling said.

"Maybe the fog here acts as a shield, reducing the perception of the compass." Xie Jiwen deduced.

“There are movements in the air,” Xie Jiling said.

The moment she said that, a green, grey, and thin hand suddenly reached out from the thick fog, surprising them.

Hu Kaiyin reacted quickly as a knife suddenly appeared in her hand.

She quickly lifted her hand and slashed down, slicing the hand off.

But even as the hand fell on the floor, it was still moving.

It was like a fish being smacked to the shore and was jumping around to get back.

It jumped around and suddenly tried to grab Han Zhuofeng’s ankle.

Xie Jiling threw a talisman, and the talisman nailed the hand to the ground.

Then, the location on the hand where the talisman pierced started burning.

Within a few seconds, the hand was reduced to ashes.

“Back off!” Xie Jiwen suddenly shouted.

Xie Jiling quickly reacted. She dragged Han Zhuofeng and hurriedly moved away.

At the same time, Xie Jiwen dragged Hu Kaiyin and moved back.

At this moment, Hu Kaiyin couldn’t bother thinking about whether it was appropriate to hold hands or not.

At this moment, a crowd of vengeful spirits stormed out from the mist.

These vengeful spirits weren’t powerful. They were just low-ranking soldiers.

“Corpse soldiers!” Xie Jiwen shouted.

At the same time, he threw out a few talismans.

The talismans transformed into flames and landed on the corpse soldiers.

The corpse soldiers eventually emitted painful and sharp cries.

Within two seconds, they turned into ashes.

As the name implied, corpse soldiers were soldiers created with corpses and functioned as cannon fodders.

Therefore, Hu Kaiyin was able to slice that hand off.

If it were a vengeful spirit, it wouldn’t have a body, and Hu Kaiyin wouldn’t have been able to slice that hand off.

“Who is it?!” A sharp cry sounded in the distance.

As this angry roar sounded, the body of a spirit flew out from the fog.

But before it could show its great power...

It was struck in the head with a bead bracelet.

The bead bracelet instantly dispersed the vengeful power in its head.

The vengeful spirit didn't expect to be beaten up the moment it showed its presence.

Why was someone blocking its way this time?!

Before the vengeful spirit could regain consciousness, a chain was thrown in its direction, trapping it completely.

The pitiful vengeful spirit had frequently been causing trouble in this area, but this was the first time it was defeated.

It wouldn't admit defeat and tried to break free from the chain.

But then, it heard the word "Xing" and felt a beam of golden light striking the top of its head.

The vengeful spirit felt as though all the energy in its body was extracted.

It felt as though something was leaving its body.

After a few seconds, it was exhausted and could only lay flat on the ground.

It was still being tied up by the chains.

The vengeful spirit didn't expect itself to lose today when it had always been winning in the past.

It looked up and saw two guys and two girls in front.

"Where did you come from? Tell me," Xie Jiwen said coldly.

Since there was a rift in space, it had to be connected to another place.

"Who are you? Why are you here?!" The vengeful spirit roared angrily.

Xie Jiling didn't behave courteously. She held the compass with one hand and smacked the forehead of the spirit.

This smack caused the spirit to fall into a daze. Xie Jiling demanded once again. "Are you telling me or not? If you aren't going to answer me, I will scatter your soul."

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Xie Jiling wasn't just threatening. The smack made the vengeful spirit feel as if its soul was becoming unstable.

Its soul almost scattered away.

The vengeful spirit knew that Xie Jiling was very powerful.

It couldn't stand firm in front of these two people.

"Stop hitting! Stop hitting! I will tell..." The vengeful spirit held its head, trying to stop Xie Jiling from smacking downward with her compass.

Suddenly, Han Zhuofeng no longer felt afraid.

Are vengeful spirits such cowards?

"There is a crack in the space, so you came from another place?" Xie Jiwen asked.

"Yes." The vengeful spirit answered honestly, "I was living at the Yunlin Mountain in Tai Ling County. However, that place, being in the middle of nowhere, has no humans."

"It's... too slow to cultivate by myself. And I feel hungry," the vengeful spirit said.

Han Zhuofeng was shocked.

Vengeful spirits could feed by killing people?

Obviously, the vengeful spirit had two tricks up its sleeve.

Knowing what Han Zhuofeng was thinking, Xie Jiling said, "Some exist purely for revenge. They take revenge on people who killed them, or they take revenge on people who share commonalities with the people who had murdered them."

"For example, a vengeful spirit that died in a car accident might take revenge on people who are speeding on that road, or it might take revenge on people who happened to drive by at its time of death."

"Some vengeful spirits were killed by bad people. They might take revenge on bad people with similar characteristics. For example, those bad people might look or dress alike."

"But they are purely taking revenge on their cause of death. If the vengeful spirit killed someone, then the person that experienced an unjust death would either feel unfair and become a vengeful spirit, or they might be discovered by the soul reapers in time and be taken to the underworld." Xie Jiling explained.

Han Zhuofeng easily understood Xie Jiling's explanation.

"But there are vengeful spirits who would cultivate their vengeful aura." Xie Jiling said, "The vengeful spirits that cultivate must know the cultivation methods. However, progress would be really slow if they purely rely on such methods."

"There is a shortcut, which is to absorb the soul of a human. Compared to the soul of a dead person, a living soul would be more useful for cultivation." Xie Jiling said.

"A living soul?" Han Zhuofeng could guess what it meant, but he wasn't sure.

"A high-level vengeful spirit can strip a person's soul from their body. Of course, such a high-level vengeful spirit must be at the level of the demon king." Xie Jiling said.

If just about any vengeful spirit could do that, the world would have long become chaotic.

“Vengeful spirits at a lower level are able to scare people into a state of fake death, causing the soul to hover on the body. When a person is in this state of fake death, which is similar to a vegetative state, their soul leaves their body, and this soul is a living soul. The soul will have no memories of the time when it was alive and will not be able to find its body by memory.”

“But its body is still alive. Normally, if the soul doesn’t return to the body within seven days, the person actually dies. Therefore, the living soul has seven days to save its own life.” Xie Jiling said.

“If you think about it, a living soul has more liveliness than a dead soul. Therefore, it is more effective to use living soul in cultivation.” Xie Jiling said.

Han Zhuofeng nodded and finally understood.

“The Yunlin Mountain is a deserted location with no humans. This vengeful spirit is unable to find any souls to help with its cultivation. Naturally, it needed to leave the mountain areas and find other ways to do this.” Xie Jiling said, “However, Yunlin Mountain is in such a remote location that there are no humans present anywhere nearby. Even the nearest village or county was very far away.”

“It was too afraid to travel too far away.”

Han Zhuofeng knew about it...

Because Xie Jiling had explained it to him.

Vengeful spirits had territories.

With this, Xie Jiling glared at the depressed vengeful spirit that was bound. “Speaking of cultivation, vengeful spirits normally transform into vengeful spirits because their death was unjust and they hoped for revenge.”

“They can only harm people. They have no idea that they can cultivate by harming others.” Xie Jiling was then reminded of the vengeful spirit that had followed He Yuliang to school.

That vengeful spirit had been instructed by people and had learned to hide its presence.

“You are not a ghost cultivator. If you weren’t taught, you wouldn’t know the cultivation methods.” Xie Jiling said, “In addition, ghost cultivators exist for the right reasons. They have proper cultivation methods, and they will not cultivate by hurting people.”

Of course, similar to how there were bad people in human society...

There were ghost cultivators too eager for success. Thus, they went astray in the path of cultivation and harmed people.

However, their aura was still different from vengeful spirits.

By the end of the day, vengeful spirits would remain vengeful spirits. They would never become ghost cultivators.

“Not to mention that the corpse soldiers were made with actual corpses. This is not a skill you should have.” Xie Jiling said coldly, “Who taught you that?”

She was not in a rush to ask about the crack in space.

Because this matter was obviously more urgent.

In addition, even if this vengeful spirit had said nothing, Xie Jiling had deduced it herself.

There must be a crack in the space somewhere in Yunlin Mountain, and that crack was connected to this one.

This place was a tourist area, and it would be much quicker to cultivate here than in the Yunlin Mountain areas.

This was why two missing cases happened during these past few years.

It must have been because the cracks between the two spaces were unstable and wouldn't appear all the time.

If not, there would have been more than two people missing.

She could ask about the cracks in space after she had asked all the important questions.

The vengeful spirit was obviously unaware that Xie Jiling knew about these things.

It had no intention of not answering the questions.

It couldn't win against these two people anyway.

It couldn't win against even one of them, not to mention both of them.

It had said so much that it thought it should just answer everything.

However, because of what Xie Jiling said, the vengeful spirit was surprised and forgot to respond.

When it didn't answer right away, Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling thought that it was hesitating.

Xie Jiwen then said, "Jiling, smack it one more time. At this point in time, it is still unwilling to behave."

Xie Jiling didn't hesitate at all.

The moment Xie Jiwen said that, Xie Jiling held her compass and smacked downward. The vengeful spirit barely had enough time to beg Xie Jiling not to hit.

The vengeful spirit immediately felt dizzy.

The smack caused its soul to scatter a little bit more.

"Stop hitting! Stop hitting!" The vengeful spirit called out quickly.

Who had it provoked?

It had been cultivating in Yunlin Mountain and barely experienced the ways of the world.

Previously, with the use of the cracks in the space, it traveled to Ghost City twice and met people.

After that, the cracks were sealed, and it could no longer travel here.

It waited for a long time, and the cracks between the space happened again.

It had just learned to control corpse soldiers and thought it could walk into Ghost Town and dominate the area.

But then, the moment it came out, it bumped into these two maleficent beings.

It couldn't win!

Was the human world really that dangerous now?

The person who had taught it the cultivation method clearly said that it wouldn't even have to fear exorcists if it cultivated to a certain level.

Ordinary exorcists would be no match for it.

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Plus, it had just mastered the art of controlling corpse soldiers, and it felt ambitious as a result.

That was why it came here with so much confidence.

But the vengeful spirit didn't expect to meet these two people when it finally had the chance to be out here.

"I will tell you! I will tell!" the vengeful spirit shouted.

It was worried that it might be beaten up again if it had answered too slowly.

Are the other vengeful spirits as aggrieved as it is?

It couldn't be helped. After all, it couldn't win against these two.

It had no choice but to admit that it was scared!

"I wasn't hesitating. I was just shocked. I didn't expect this great master to be so knowledgeable." The vengeful spirit started buttering up Xie Jiling.

It didn't know if these praises were useful or not.

However, nothing would go wrong from saying something good.

Xie Jiwen felt the corner of its mouth twitching.

A vengeful spirit even knew how to play tricks like this?

This must be a very cunning vengeful spirit.

"Answer quickly. Stop saying nonsense." Xie Jiwen urged without any care.

The vengeful spirit hunched its shoulders and didn't dare to utter a single word of praise anymore.

"Som..someone taught me," the vengeful spirit said.

“When I first became a vengeful spirit, I took revenge against the person who killed me. But I didn’t dare to go to the underworld because I heard that vengeful spirits would be whipped when they arrive there. And so, I hid in Yunlin Mountain areas.”

“But I didn’t expect an exorcist to find me. However, it didn’t kill me. It taught me a cultivation method and said that I would not have to be afraid of any ordinary exorcist if I could practice this cultivation art until I reach the third level and that I would be able to venture anywhere.”

“And so, I put a lot of work into cultivation, and I finally mastered the third level of the cultivation art. The method at the third level was the technique to render and control corpse soldiers. When I mastered this technique, the crack in the space happened, and I came over with my corpse soldiers.”

It wanted the corpse soldiers to clear the way for me so that it could show off its power and make itself look more imposing.

But then, all the corpse soldiers were destroyed when they went out.

“Did you create the fog here?” Xie Jiwen asked.

The vengeful spirit told everything it knew. “When I first came over here, I couldn’t actually come out. The cracks in the space were not that big and didn’t last long enough.”

“When I came over here, I saw someone there, and I caught that person and took that person to Yunlin Mountain. Because I couldn’t actually step inside, I couldn’t stay here.”

If not, it would have stayed here so that its cultivation could progress more quickly.

If so, these two exorcists might not be the stronger ones here.

“However, before I went back, I released some vengeful power from the origin of my soul. Because I have cultivated, the vengeful power wouldn’t disperse and would instead absorb the spiritual power here, strengthening my vengeful power.”

“I thought that I would be able to absorb the vengeful power when I come back again. This way, I can become even stronger.”

Xie Jiling did not expect the vengeful spirit to have such a sweet dream.

“But the crack in space didn’t open up for a long time, which was something I didn’t expect.” The vengeful spirit drooped its head down and said, “I knew later on that the crack in space would only open up after a very long time.”

Even now, it hadn’t found the pattern of how frequently this crack in space appeared.

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling exchanged glances.

They could investigate the crack in the space later.

As of now, it was more important for them to ask about the exorcist.

Xie Jiwen knew that Xie Jiling had previously encountered another vengeful spirit.

It knew that the person had taught the vengeful spirit what it shouldn’t know.

And now, another vengeful spirit had gotten a cultivation art from an exorcist.

This was too much of a coincidence.

There couldn't have been many exorcists who would very kindly teach cultivation art to vengeful spirits, right?

Therefore, Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling believed that the exorcist that both vengeful spirits had encountered was really the same person.

"What did that exorcist look like?"

At this moment, the vengeful spirit hesitated.

Because the exorcist was truly powerful...

How could an exorcist who was capable of cultivating while grabbing a vengeful spirit with one hand not be powerful?

The vengeful spirit was really scared that the exorcist would seek revenge!

"Oh?" Xie Jiwen said, "Are you scared that the exorcist might take revenge on you?"

The vengeful spirit didn't reply. It was clearly thinking that way.

"Cheh," Xie Jiwen muttered and said, "Are you worried about him taking revenge on you? What are you thinking? You are in our hands now. We are sending you to the underworld later. Unless he can chase you to the underworld, why would you be worried?"

The vengeful spirit thought about it and agreed.

However, the vengeful spirit didn't know if it was better to be whipped in the underworld or be found by that exorcist.

It would die if it were found by that exorcist.

However, the death would be rather quick.

If it were to be whipped, it wouldn't die, but it would happen every day.

It would be even more painful than having its soul scatter and fly away.

But after the punishment, there would be a chance of reincarnation.

But the vengeful spirit hadn't thought about it.

The sins it had committed...

Even if it were to reincarnate, it would be sent to the path of animals.

In addition, even if it's the path of animals, there were certain standards.

It was impossible for it to become a pet at home.

Of course, Xie Jiwen had no intention of reminding the vengeful spirit about these things.

“Enough. Stop thinking.” Xie Jiwen rolled his eyes and said, “You are in our hands. Do you think you have a choice?”

“Tell us about the exorcist, and we will send you to the underworld.” Xie Jiwen said.

“Yes.” Xie Jiling nodded and said, “Hurry up so we can go back and rest.”

She thought that they would have to stay up all night being busy with this.

But it seemed like this could be solved early.

Xie Jiling really missed the warmth of her bed.

Chen Dinglin was speechless.

Zhang Dingsong didn’t know what to say.

They learned so much tonight.

This was their first time seeing an exorcism done with such ease.

It was like a game.

Every time they exorcise, they hoped not to encounter a powerful vengeful spirit.

Even when they encounter some weaker vengeful spirits, they wouldn’t dare to take it lightly.

They would be nervous. It had never been easy like now.

Xie Jiling and Xie Jiwen were the complete opposite. All they did was smack twice.

And the vengeful spirit admitted defeat!

It confessed everything!

They were even questioning the vengeful spirit.

The two couldn’t help but sigh.

Sigh!

The difference was too obvious!

When would they be able to achieve such a level?

If they were at that level, they wouldn’t have to be scared of vengeful spirits!

Couldn’t you see how well-behaved the vengeful spirit looked? It was like a dog.

It answered every question asked. It was very cooperative.

It was truly their first time exorcising with such ease.

They weren’t doing anything. They were just watching quietly.

They felt embarrassed to take Ghost Town’s money.

Xie Jiling, who was in a rush to go back to sleep, didn't have much patience.

She lifted her compass and said, "Are you talking or not?!"

The vengeful spirit didn't know what to say.

"I will say it! I will tell!" The vengeful spirit said quickly, "Put the compass down first and let's talk nicely!"

Zhang Dingsong was dumbfounded.

Chen Dinglin was at a loss for words.

Listen to this. Even the vengeful spirit was begging her to talk nicely.

What level was she at?!

"Talk!" Xie Jiling urged as she placed the compass down.

The vengeful spirit said, "If I really have to describe him, he doesn't look unique. He looks very ordinary. He looked so ordinary that anyone that has seen him would not have remembered his appearance."

"He looked really ordinary, and there's no feature that stands out to make people remember him. He looked just like every other person." The vengeful spirit frowned as it pondered for a long time.

"It's not that I am hiding anything from you. You asked me so suddenly, so I can't remember what he looked like, and I can't describe his exact features. His face..."

The vengeful spirit pondered and said, "His face looks like many ordinary faces or the most ordinary facial features coming together to present the most ordinary face."

Xie Jiling understood.

It was like how many people used pictures of beautiful men and women to calculate the golden ratio for men and women.

They could then build a virtual reality face with that golden ratio. The face looked really good.

However, none of the facial features stood out.

They would look very good. However, the moment you looked away, you would forget what that face looked like and only remember that the person looked really good.

It was the same for the exorcist that the vengeful spirit had described.

However, the exorcist had chosen to take the most average face from the many ordinary faces.

This way, after you see him, you would just remember that he looked ordinary.

But you would forget exactly what he looked like after you have seen him.

Because many ordinary faces usually have commonalities.

Because they were very ordinary, they would look similar to many people.

And so, you would forget what they looked like after you have seen them.

This vengeful spirit gave the exact same description as that vengeful spirit at school.

Therefore, Xie Jiling believed that it wasn't lying.

"When did he teach you the cultivation art?" Xie Jiling asked again.

The vengeful spirit's eyes started to wander.

Xie Jiwen sneered coldly.

At this point in time, how could this vengeful spirit even dare to play such tricks?!

Xie Jiwen took out a talisman and suddenly threw it.

The talisman transformed into a long whip.

The long whip shone faintly.

Xie Jiwen said, "This is a talisman that I have created based on the soul-beating whip in the underworld. It transforms into a whip, and this whip is a copy of the soul-beating whip."

"Of course, it doesn't work as well as the real soul-beating whip." Xie Jiwen held the talisman seal with one hand as he hurled the whip.

"Each hit from the soul-beating whip in the underworld would cause the soul to tremble three times. Mine is not that powerful, but it has at least thirty percent the power of the real soul-beating whip," Xie Jiwen said.

He made it sound as though thirty percent of the power was very gentle.

However, compared to the power of the real soul-beating whip...

Thirty percent could already cause a lot of pain.

However, the people around weren't surprised by this.

They were shocked to know Xie Jiwen's ability to draw talismans.

Zhang Dingsong's and Chen Dinglin's eyes widened. They were stunned.

They drew talismans based on the talisman patterns recorded in books.

They didn't know that such talisman patterns could be designed!

They wanted to design and create one, but they didn't even know where to begin!

Such things couldn't be drawn by relying on one's imagination.

As for Xie Jiwen, not only was he able to draw his own talisman, he was able to create a talisman that transformed into a copy of the soul-beating whip that could display thirty percent of the power of the real soul-beating whip!

They didn't even realize that such skills existed.

This was something they didn't even dare to imagine.

Was the Xie Family... really that scary?

Just the two juniors of the Xie Family showed incomprehensible powers.

What about the seniors of the Xie Family?

Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin both sighed at the same time.

They couldn't imagine.

The vengeful spirit was going crazy.

Let's talk nicely!

Why were you threatening and beating the vengeful spirit for no reason?

The vengeful spirit didn't even provoke them!

"Wait! I didn't say that I wasn't going to answer your question!" The vengeful spirit said in a hurry, "Put the whip away. Put it away."

"It has already been transformed. I can't put it away," Xie Jiwen said as he hurled the whip again, "Just talk. Be honest, and I won't whip you. If not..."

"I will talk! I will talk!" the vengeful spirit hurriedly said. Fine. The whip could stay.

The vengeful spirit didn't even dare to look at the whip. It didn't even dare to look at it from the corner of its eyes.

"It was eight years ago. He caught me eight years ago and taught me the cultivation art before releasing me," the vengeful spirit said.

"Did it come looking for you again after he taught you the cultivation art?" Xie Jiwen asked again.

"No." The vengeful spirit looked up and tried to show Xie Jiwen its innocent big eyes and tried to show that it wasn't lying.

It really didn't want to be whipped.

Xie Jiwen was speechless.

Did this vengeful spirit have no idea what it looked like?

It had such a terrifying face! Why was it looking up?!

"He didn't even bother to check how well you are training after he taught you the cultivation art?" Xie Jiwen asked dubiously.

The vengeful spirit shook its terrifying head in an innocent manner. "No. He sent the cultivation art into my brain and asked me to learn it. And then, he didn't bother with anything else."

“He said that I had died an unjust death and thought that I was pitiful. He wanted me to become a ghost cultivator,” the vengeful spirit said, “As for how well I am able to cultivate, it depends on me. It’s none of his business. I wouldn’t die anyway since I am a vengeful spirit.”

“Even if I can’t continue this cultivation, my soul would remain intact. Therefore, he asked me to just cultivate it as much as I like and he told me that the level I can attain depends on my abilities.”

Xie Jiwen narrowed his eyes and said, “Did he not give you any contact method? For example, did he not ask you to contact him after you have cultivated to a certain level?”

“Don’t tell me it’s a no.” Xie Jiwen sneered.

Xie Jiwen was much more cunning and sly than Xie Jiling.

Xie Jiling didn’t think about this when she was facing that female vengeful spirit.

However, when Xie Jiwen heard this story, he immediately realized that important fact.

“Since he has taught you cultivation art, he must have a goal. I don’t believe that he is a kind-hearted person who does good deeds without wanting anything in return. That’s impossible. Especially considering how exorcist cares about karma.”

“Since it gave you a reason, he surely wants a result. He won’t expect that you master cultivation art, but he definitely wants you to do something when you have cultivated to a certain level.”

Xie Jiwen narrowed his eyes and said, “Vengeful spirit, you aren’t being honest! Didn’t I ask you to tell us honestly?”

Xie Jiwen said and refused to give the vengeful spirit any chance of begging for mercy. He struck with his whip.

“Ah!” the vengeful spirit screamed painfully.

Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin noticed that the soul of the vengeful spirit had slightly diffused.

A few seconds later, the pieces of the soul merged again.

But obviously, the soul of this vengeful spirit appeared much weaker.

“Don’t hit me! Don’t hit me!” The vengeful spirit had begged for mercy earlier. But at that time, it wasn’t beaten by the whip, so it didn’t know how powerful the whip could be.

But now, it had tasted its power.

Its soul was now on the verge of diffusing.

It had gotten a taste of its soul dispersing.

And it didn’t want to feel that pain again...

“I will tell you! I will tell!” the vengeful spirit quickly said, “I’m not even done talking, but you already whipped me.”

He made it sound as though he had been wronged.

“He left this talisman for me and said that I would be able to activate this talisman when I cultivate to the fifth level. By then, he would be notified,” the vengeful spirit said.

“Where is the talisman?” Xie Jiwen immediately asked.

Before the vengeful spirit answered, Xie Jiwen hurled his whip and said,

“Don’t tell me that you didn’t bring it.”

The vengeful spirit was speechless.

“I brought it,” the vengeful spirit said as it took out a talisman.

Xie Jiwen took it and verified the authenticity of the talisman.

There was no rush to check the other things.

After it was confirmed, he put the talisman away.

After these questions were answered clearly, there were no more questions to ask.

The vengeful spirit didn’t know the answers to any more questions.

And so, Xie Jiling summoned the soul reapers.

Xie Jiling had never been to Ta Town.

Therefore, she wasn’t familiar with the soul reapers around Ta Town.

And so, the two who came did not know her.

But even though the two soul reapers did not know Xie Jiling, they knew Xie Jiwen.

Xie Jiling had to go to school, so she didn’t have a lot of time to venture around.

However, Xie Jiwen was different. He was much older than Xie Jiling and had left the house two years before her to do exorcism work.

After he graduated, he had more time to travel around.

He had never been to Ghost Town, but he had been to the counties near Ta Town.

The soul reapers here were not only in charge of the area in Ta Town, but they were also in charge of the few counties nearby.

Xie Jiwen had naturally met them when he went to the neighboring county to exorcise.

When the two soul reapers came out, they saw Xie Jiwen, so they greeted him in a familiar manner. “Mr. Xie.”

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. “...”

Did the siblings of the Xie Family have a relationship with everyone in the underworld?

The two soul reapers tied up the vengeful spirit, and Xie Jiwen told them about the vengeful spirit's situation.

After saying that, the soul reapers said, "Mr.Xie, can you burn some Mala crawfish and some seafood offerings?"

"Sure. What liquor do you want?" Xie Jiwen agreed without any hesitation.

"Just beer. We want the T brand." The soul reaper even picked a brand.

Han Zhuofeng thought to himself. Were soul reapers all foodies?

It was really because soul reapers were very old and rarely had families who still remembered to burn offerings for them.

There were restaurants in the underworld just like in cities.

However, the restaurants in Ta Town made food special to Ta Town.

After eating for months and years, the soul reapers had long become sick of it.

They finally met Xie Jiwen and wanted to try something different.

The two soul reapers left after Xie Jiwen agreed.

The soul reapers at B City were much more talkative than them.

When the vengeful spirit left, the fog still didn't disperse.

This was because the vengeful spirit still hadn't retrieved the vengeful aura it had released.

Initially, they couldn't figure out the reason why the fog here had formed.

Now that they knew, they finally had a solution.

"We could have driven off the vengeful aura, which would be a quick and easy task. But I want to retrieve the vengeful aura and see if there's any way we can use it to activate the talisman and track the exorcist down." Xie Jiwen explained.

Xie Jiling nodded and said, "That is a good solution."

Xie Jiling thought about it and said, "Let's set up a spiritual power gathering formation and gather that vengeful aura."

Xie Jiling fumbled at her bag for a long time and said, "I don't have any spare jade in my bag. Do you have any?"

Hearing this, Xie Jiwen fumbled at his bag and found a jade bead tied to a string.

"This works. The energy in this jade has been used up." Xie Jiwen said.

Hu Kaiyin looked at it and noticed that it was the bead that she had been using.

Xie Jiwen had given her a jade bead and had asked her to carry it around at all times.

He said that the jade bead would work better than a protection talisman.

But before she came here, she was following Xie Jiwen around to do exorcism work.

During that time, a vengeful spirit wanted to attack her. Fortunately, the bead protected her.

But because of that, the energy in the bead was depleted.

Xie Jiwen seemed to have expected that this would happen and immediately gave her a new one.

The bead that had run out of energy was temporarily placed with him.

And now, this was the perfect time to use the bead.

Although there was only one bead and the bead wasn't big, it was good enough to carry the vengeful aura.

The vengeful spirit wasn't powerful. In addition, the vengeful aura came from its origin.

To the vengeful spirit, the vengeful aura released from the origin was very precious.

And so, it wouldn't release too much of it. It would only let out a trace.

Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin thought that they had seen more than enough surprises. They thought that they would definitely feel numb to anything that would happen to them in the future.

Nothing else would surprise them.

But they realized that they had made that claim too early.

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling had only shown them the tip of the iceberg.

There were even more shocking things!

Since Xie Jiling knew how to set up a spiritual power attracting formation, it wasn't shocking that she knew how to set up a spiritual power gathering formation.

However, the surprising thing was that they would need to cast a spiritual power locking formation on the bead to lock the vengeful aura in the bead.

A spiritual power locking formation was much more advanced and more complicated than the spiritual power attracting formation as well as the spiritual power gathering formation.

"Do you... you know how to draw a spiritual power locking formation?" Chen Dinglin blurted out.

"Of course." Xie Jiling said, "Isn't it one of the basics?"

"Basic...?" Zhang Dingsong was so shocked he had a slip of the tongue.

Xie Jiling nodded.

They had been taught at the house of the Xie Family. They had to learn basic information on exorcism and take courses on special area formation.

Whenever they leave the house to do exorcism work, they were doing their practicum.

Anyway, they had to learn everything.

The spiritual power attracting formation, the spiritual power gathering formation, and the spiritual power locking formation were the three basic formations.

There were other even higher-level formations derived from those three basic formations.

Of course, they were tested on their ability to change the formation to adapt to the situation.

Many formations of higher levels derived from the three basic formations were created this way.

And so, they usually needed to practice creating new formations using those three basic formations as the foundation.

As the saying went—if one method worked, all methods would work.

That was the principle.

This was how Xie Jiwen created the illusionary talisman seal he had been using earlier.

Talisman patterns were essentially a type of formation.

Protection talismans were a type of small-scale basic protection area formation.

Therefore, the soul-beating whip that Xie Jiwen made with the talisman seal was really an illusionary talisman derived from an illusionary formation.

This was because they were able to draw talisman patterns and create new ones.

But to Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin, this was something very remarkable.

But honestly, these two were just drawing smaller-sized formations.

To Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling, it was a simple task.

In addition, although drawing talismans would exhaust one's spiritual power, such an act would also cultivate one's spiritual power and improve one's ability to draw formations.

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling naturally couldn't understand why Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin were so shocked that they had to gasp.

Xie Jiling drew another spiritual power locking formation outside the spiritual power attracting formation.

Soon, everyone noticed that the fog in the Ghost Town became thinner.

To be more accurate, the fog away from them was getting thinner, and the further away the fog was from them, the thinner it seemed.

The fog was gathering toward them.

When it reached them, it was even thicker than before.

Thankfully, Xie Jiling's brightness talisman was radiating a light powerful enough to ward off the fog. Even in the thick fog, they could still see each other in the light.

Han Zhuofeng gulped and decided to muster up the courage to move two steps and lean closer to Xie Jiling.

He lowered his head and saw that Xie Jiling was busy and she was using her hand, so he couldn't hold her hand.

Han Zhuofeng thought about it and held onto the hem of Xie Jiling's shirt.

Xie Jiwen was speechless.

Xie Jiling was dumbfounded.

After a while, the fog in Ghost Town gathered in the center of the spiritual power gathering formation.

Ghost Town finally looked normal at night.

Stars could finally be seen in the night sky.

The fog had gathered together and had become white and milky.

At this moment, Xie Jiwen held the bead.

He saw the white and milky fog transform into a strand of ribbon heading toward the bead.

It was gathering into the bead in an organized manner.

It seemed to have connected with the bead.

After a while, all the fog entered the bead.

Ghost Town became completely clean as a result.

Xie Jiwen quickly cast a small spiritual power locking formation on the bead.

Then, Xie Jiwen said to Xie Jiling, "I will take this bead home and show it to the elders so that they can study it along with the talisman the vengeful spirit gave us. We might need to use the vengeful aura from the vengeful spirit's origin to activate this talisman."

"Go back to B City. Focus on school and don't worry about anything else," Xie Jiwen said.

"I will travel to Yunlin Mountain after I send these things home to do an investigation on the crack in space." Xie Jiwen said.

Xie Jiling nodded and asked, "What about the crack in space here? According to that vengeful spirit, this crack in space will appear at random times but it seems to only appear in Ghost Town."

"We will seal the crack here," Xie Jiwen said, "Just in case we got unlucky, and another vengeful spirit was teleported here through the crack in space."

Xie Jiling nodded.

At this moment, Xie Jiwen took out a compass, and the two checked the area.

They confirmed that this was the only location where movement in space was detected.

Only one of them was needed to seal up the crack.

However, to ensure no mistakes, Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling both completed it together.

This case was only considered resolved after these things were done.

Xie Jiling covered her mouth as she yawned and said, "I'm so tired. Let's go back."

They still had to be on the road for an hour.

As such, everyone went back.

While they were on the way back, Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin asked Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling many questions about exorcism.

After all, Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling knew so much more about the topic than them. Their knowledge about exorcism was beyond their imagination.

Such an opportunity was rare, so the two didn't want to waste this opportunity.

They quickly asked the burning questions confusing them.

They even asked questions about some ideas they had that they could never seem to create.

They wanted to know if those ideas were even possible to achieve.

Xie Jiling was tired, but she still gave a very detailed explanation.

As for the ideas that Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin had in their minds, Xie Jiling and Xie Jiwen told them about the possibility of achieving those ideas.

Some were possible, and the methods were easy.

It wasn't that Zhang Dingsong's and Chen Dinglin's level was low. The two just did things in a very dogmatic manner. They didn't dare to change their methods to adapt and did things in a very rigid manner.

After Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling explained things to them, the two had a moment of enlightenment.

"By the way, you should come back with me to the house of the Xie Family," Xie Jiwen said to Hu Kaiyin.

"..." Hu Kaiyin wasn't happy about it as she responded, "Why should I go home with you?"

Xie Jiling stared at Hu Kaiyin for a moment before turning to look at Xie Jiwen. "She's meeting the family already?"

Hu Kaiyin was dumbfounded.

Xie Jiwen didn't know what to say.

This naughty kid!

Why would she say the truth?!

Seeing that Hu Kaiyin was about to explode in anger, Xie Jiwen quickly explained, "No, listen to me."

Hu Kaiyin stayed silent and stared at Xie Jiwen.

Xie Jiwen then said, "Didn't I say that I would send these things home and leave for Yunlin Mountain?"

"What does that have to do with me?" Hu Kaiyin said.

"Are you really this ruthless?" Xie Jiwen looked hurt as he caressed his chest. "Yunlin Mountain is an uninhabited forest. It's very dangerous."

"I can deal with vengeful spirits, but I am no match against humans or beasts. I am especially defenseless against humans," Xie Jiwen said.

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

Why was this guy so shameless?!

Xie Jiwen said, "What if I encountered some bandits who had escaped into the mountain? Or what if someone saw me by myself and wanted to rob and kill me?"

"If I die in that uninhabited forest, no one would know where I died. They won't even know where to find my body," Xie Jiwen said.

"If I didn't encounter any bad people because I'm lucky, I still have nothing to protect me in that wilderness. What if an accident happened while I was in the mountains? What if I slipped and fell off the mountain?"

"No one will be able to help me up." Xie Jiwen described himself in a pitiful manner.

"If you don't go with me and you hear about my death, will you even cry a tear for me?" Xie Jiwen asked Hu Kaiyin pitifully.

Han Zhuofeng was shocked.

That worked?

Could he use that trick on Xie Jiling?

But Xie Jiling's temper was much better than Hu Kaiyin.

He might not have to do that.

Han Zhuofeng was thinking about it when he saw Hu Kaiyin gnashing her teeth and saying, "Did you pretend like I didn't say that I have work to do?"

She had finally finished the mission assigned to her by Mount Lan Compound and had reported back to the Mount Lan Compound.

But then, she had only gotten a good night's sleep when she was dragged here to do exorcism work.

She still hadn't even gotten any good rest.

She had been following him around doing exorcism work. It had been quite easy. She didn't feel tense like when she was carrying out her mission.

But home would always be much more comfortable than a hotel.

She normally trained at the Mount Lan Compound and had her own house at the Mount Lan Compound.

But Hu Kaiyin had bought a house of her own.

Whenever she completed her mission, she would give herself a vacation.

She would stay comfortably in her house every day without thinking about anything.

She would live the life of disgusting youngsters today.

She would sleep until she naturally woke up at noon, and she wouldn't rush to leave the bed upon waking up.

She would play with her phone.

Time would pass, and it would be afternoon before she knew it. Then, she would order takeout.

She would eat food and snacks while watching TV series or variety shows.

She would watch all the TV series and variety shows she had missed out on while she was out completing her mission.

She would stay up late if she couldn't sleep.

She would stay up until 3 or 4 am and wake up naturally at noon. This plan of hers would be her routine and cycle.

She would live meaninglessly, recklessly, and decadently for half a month before she would return to the Mount Lan Compound.

She would get enough rest and reorganize her life.

But this time...

She was really mad that Wei Wucai suspected her.

Therefore, after she reported back to the Mount Lan Compound, she went to the set to scare Wei Wucai.

After she frightened Wei Wucai, she intended to go back home and rest.

But then, she got a phone call from Xie Jiwen, asking her for help.

She never expected this to become a trip of no return.

She had been helping him until now. She still hadn't even gotten the chance to go home.

Hu Kaiyin was furious about this.

Xie Jiwen asked puzzledly, "Didn't you just complete your mission?"

Hu Kaiyin rolled her eyes.

Han Zhuofeng really wanted to remind her not to roll her eyes like this in such a dark place.

It looked scary.

Hu Kaiyin said, "So you are aware that I have just completed my mission? I have been traveling outside for a long time, feeling tense all this time. I finally finished the mission and was finally able to rest. Yet, you summoned me again."

"I have no problem with helping you, but you have to let me rest, right?" Hu Kaiyin said angrily, "I want to rest."

Xie Jiwen sighed and said, "Sure. Just wait at home to hear the news of me getting into an accident."

"Brother!" Xie Jiling called out, expressing her dissatisfaction.

No one should curse themselves like this!

Exorcists should know best not to say such nonsense. Didn't he know?

If this caused karma, he would be doomed!

Hu Kaiyin obviously knew a little. When she heard what Xie Jiwen said, she was so angry that she shut her mouth tight.

Xie Jiwen felt guilty. He just wanted to find reasons to stay with Hu Kaiyin, but he forgot to consider her feelings.

Xie Jiwen thought about it and said, "There's no rush. We can go back to the house of the Xie Family, and you can get a good rest. I have to study the talisman with the elders, so there's no rush for us to leave for Yunlin Mountain."

"I could also ask my little brother to do this task." Xie Jiwen did not have to be the one to go to Yunlin Mountain.

"Just treat the house of the Xie Family as your own house," Xie Jiwen said.

Hu Kaiyin nodded forcefully.

But then, Hu Kaiyin realized something wrong.

"Since you are able to let someone else go to Yunlin Mountain, this means you don't need me to protect you anymore?" Hu Kaiyin asked.

Xie Jiwen was speechless.

This was a slip of tongue!

"That is if you really don't want to travel," Xie Jiwen immediately said, "Actually, I still want to go by myself. Since I was the one who previously handled it, I would know better."

“However, we have a limited number of people in the family. If it were someone else, they would be going by themselves, and they would be in danger as well. It’s better if I go.”

“Although I don’t know Yunlin Mountain like the back of my hand, I am more familiar with it than them.” Xie Jiwen said.

“Sure. I promised you. I won’t go back on my words.” Hu Kaiyin was not stupid.

Xie Jiwen was obviously saying that he wanted her to go with him.

Hu Kaiyin cast a suspicious glance at Xie Jiwen.

She had her doubts about Xie Jiwen’s intentions.

However, since Xie Jiwen refused to say a word, she didn’t want to bring it up.

Xie Jiwen obviously didn’t book the same homestay as Han Zhuofeng.

However, his homestay was near their homestay.

The two homestays were about a ten-minute walk from each other.

However, Xie Jiwen found out that Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng were staying in the same homestay, so he felt worried.

Han Zhuofeng didn’t look like a decent human being.

He was worried that Han Zhuofeng might find chances to take advantage of Xie Jiling.

“Jiling.” Since Hu Kaiyin had agreed to leave with him, Xie Jiwen had resolved his problem, and he was now in the mood to worry about Xie Jiling.

When Xie Jiling heard him, she looked over at Xie Jiwen.

She heard Xie Jiwen say, “All the rooms in your homestay are booked, but my homestay still has available rooms. Why don’t you check into a room in my homestay?”

Before Xie Jiling could answer, Han Zhuofeng interrupted, “Big Brother, we have been really busy, and it’s almost daytime. If she switched to a new homestay, she would need to spend a lot of time packing her luggage. That would be very tiring.”

“...” Xie Jiwen had endured for a long time. He finally blurted out, “I am not your big brother!”

“Big Brother, what are you saying? Jiling and I are friends. If you are her big brother and you are older than me, there is nothing wrong with me calling you big brother like she does.” Han Zhuofeng said.

“In addition, if I call you something else, it will feel as though we are strangers.” Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiwen didn’t want to talk to Han Zhuofeng.

However, Han Zhuofeng was being reasonable.

They were busy with things until this late at night. It would be too tiring if he made Xie Jiling pack her luggage again.

If she had the time to do that, she might as well use that time to rest.

But then, Han Zhuofeng said, "Big Brother, you don't have to worry about her with me here. I am staying with Jiling. I can take care of her."

Xie Jiwen sneered and thought to himself. 'Your presence is the exact reason why I am worried.'

Xie Jiwen frowned and said, "Staying with her?"

"We are staying in the same homestay but not the same room. Don't be misunderstood," Han Zhuofeng said immediately.

To make things easier, he didn't say it clearly.

Han Zhuofeng refused to admit that he was trying to take advantage of Xie Jiling with the use of words.

But Xie Jiwen reacted so quickly and was even picking on his words!

Xie Jiling glanced over at Han Zhuofeng. She decided not to tell Xie Jiwen about last night when Han Zhuofeng came to her room and slept on the carpet.

Oh no. It should be the night before last night.

"Use your brain. Jiling is not stupid," Xie Jiwen said with contempt.

Xie Jiling was dumbfounded.

Why did she feel like she had just been cursed?

Xie Jiwen didn't bother too much about it anymore.

Although Xie Jiwen was guarding against Han Zhuofeng, he still trusted his character.

When Xie Jiwen and Hu Kaiyin left, Xie Jiling followed Hu Kaiyin and went back to their homestay.

But Han Zhuoling and the others weren't asleep.

They were all waiting in the living room of the villa.

When Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng stepped inside, they saw Han Zhuoling and the others sitting at the sofa.

There were four cups of coffee on the coffee table, and the aroma of coffee had diffused throughout the room.

Obviously, they were worried about them. So, they drank coffee and waited all night.

"Brother." Han Zhuofeng called out.

When Han Zhuoling heard this, he immediately jumped.

When he saw that both of them were fine, he let out a sigh of relief.

“You all didn’t sleep for the entire night?” Han Zhuofeng asked.

“How can we sleep when you guys aren’t back?” Shi Xiaoya said, “Now that we saw that you’re fine, we will be fine as well.”

Han Zhuoling nodded. They were the first ones to return to the homestay.

And they were worried about Han Zhuofeng.

As such, they decided to wait until he made it back safely.

Now that the people they had been waiting for had arrived, Han Zhuoling said, “It’s good that you guys are back. Go sleep and talk about it tomorrow.”

“Okay.” Han Zhuofeng nodded, agreeing to do what Xie Jiling said.

Still, he felt bad. He knew that his brother and sisters-in-law were worried about him.

He felt warm inside.

The feeling of someone waiting for him and being worried for him really made him feel warm inside.

Han Zhuoling and the other three went back to sleep.

They had stayed up for the night, so even coffee was losing its effect.

Chapter 3457 Cunning and Sly

What level was she at?!

“Talk!” Xie Jiling urged as she placed the compass down.

The vengeful spirit said, “If I really have to describe him, he doesn’t look unique. He looks very ordinary. He looked so ordinary that anyone that has seen him would not have remembered his appearance.”

“He looked really ordinary, and there’s no feature that stands out to make people remember him. He looked just like every other person.” The vengeful spirit frowned as it pondered for a long time.

“It’s not that I am hiding anything from you. You asked me so suddenly, so I can’t remember what he looked like, and I can’t describe his exact features. His face...”

The vengeful spirit pondered and said, “His face looks like many ordinary faces or the most ordinary facial features coming together to present the most ordinary face.”

Xie Jiling understood.

It was like how many people used pictures of beautiful men and women to calculate the golden ratio for men and women.

They could then build a virtual reality face with that golden ratio. The face looked really good.

However, none of the facial features stood out.

They would look very good. However, the moment you looked away, you would forget what that face looked like and only remember that the person looked really good.

It was the same for the exorcist that the vengeful spirit had described.

However, the exorcist had chosen to take the most average face from the many ordinary faces.

This way, after you see him, you would just remember that he looked ordinary.

But you would forget exactly what he looked like after you have seen him.

Because many ordinary faces usually have commonalities.

Because they were very ordinary, they would look similar to many people.

And so, you would forget what they looked like after you have seen them.

This vengeful spirit gave the exact same description as that vengeful spirit at school.

Therefore, Xie Jiling believed that it wasn't lying.

"When did he teach you the cultivation art?" Xie Jiling asked again.

The vengeful spirit's eyes started to wander.

Xie Jiwen sneered coldly.

At this point in time, how could this vengeful spirit even dare to play such tricks?!

Xie Jiwen took out a talisman and suddenly threw it.

The talisman transformed into a long whip.

The long whip shone faintly.

Xie Jiwen said, "This is a talisman that I have created based on the soul-beating whip in the underworld. It transforms into a whip, and this whip is a copy of the soul-beating whip."

"Of course, it doesn't work as well as the real soul-beating whip." Xie Jiwen held the talisman seal with one hand as he hurled the whip.

"Each hit from the soul-beating whip in the underworld would cause the soul to tremble three times. Mine is not that powerful, but it has at least thirty percent the power of the real soul-beating whip," Xie Jiwen said.

He made it sound as though thirty percent of the power was very gentle.

However, compared to the power of the real soul-beating whip...

Thirty percent could already cause a lot of pain.

However, the people around weren't surprised by this.

They were shocked to know Xie Jiwen's ability to draw talismans.

Zhang Dingsong's and Chen Dinglin's eyes widened. They were stunned.

They drew talismans based on the talisman patterns recorded in books.

They didn't know that such talisman patterns could be designed!

They wanted to design and create one, but they didn't even know where to begin!

Such things couldn't be drawn by relying on one's imagination.

As for Xie Jiwen, not only was he able to draw his own talisman, he was able to create a talisman that transformed into a copy of the soul-beating whip that could display thirty percent of the power of the real soul-beating whip!

They didn't even realize that such skills existed.

This was something they didn't even dare to imagine.

Was the Xie Family... really that scary?

Just the two juniors of the Xie Family showed incomprehensible powers.

What about the seniors of the Xie Family?

Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin both sighed at the same time.

They couldn't imagine.

The vengeful spirit was going crazy.

Let's talk nicely!

Why were you threatening and beating the vengeful spirit for no reason?

The vengeful spirit didn't even provoke them!

"Wait! I didn't say that I wasn't going to answer your question!" The vengeful spirit said in a hurry, "Put the whip away. Put it away."

"It has already been transformed. I can't put it away," Xie Jiwen said as he hurled the whip again, "Just talk. Be honest, and I won't whip you. If not..."

"I will talk! I will talk!" the vengeful spirit hurriedly said. Fine. The whip could stay.

The vengeful spirit didn't even dare to look at the whip. It didn't even dare to look at it from the corner of its eyes.

"It was eight years ago. He caught me eight years ago and taught me the cultivation art before releasing me," the vengeful spirit said.

"Did it come looking for you again after he taught you the cultivation art?" Xie Jiwen asked again.

"No." The vengeful spirit looked up and tried to show Xie Jiwen its innocent big eyes and tried to show that it wasn't lying.

It really didn't want to be whipped.

Xie Jiwen was speechless.

Did this vengeful spirit have no idea what it looked like?

It had such a terrifying face! Why was it looking up?!

"He didn't even bother to check how well you are training after he taught you the cultivation art?" Xie Jiwen asked dubiously.

The vengeful spirit shook its terrifying head in an innocent manner. "No. He sent the cultivation art into my brain and asked me to learn it. And then, he didn't bother with anything else."

"He said that I had died an unjust death and thought that I was pitiful. He wanted me to become a ghost cultivator," the vengeful spirit said, "As for how well I am able to cultivate, it depends on me. It's none of his business. I wouldn't die anyway since I am a vengeful spirit."

"Even if I can't continue this cultivation, my soul would remain intact. Therefore, he asked me to just cultivate it as much as I like and he told me that the level I can attain depends on my abilities."

Xie Jiwen narrowed his eyes and said, "Did he not give you any contact method? For example, did he not ask you to contact him after you have cultivated to a certain level?"

"Don't tell me it's a no." Xie Jiwen sneered.

Xie Jiwen was much more cunning and sly than Xie Jiling.

Xie Jiling didn't think about this when she was facing that female vengeful spirit.

However, when Xie Jiwen heard this story, he immediately realized that important fact.

"Since he has taught you cultivation art, he must have a goal. I don't believe that he is a kind-hearted person who does good deeds without wanting anything in return. That's impossible. Especially considering how exorcist cares about karma."

"Since it gave you a reason, he surely wants a result. He won't expect that you master cultivation art, but he definitely wants you to do something when you have cultivated to a certain level."

Xie Jiwen narrowed his eyes and said, "Vengeful spirit, you aren't being honest! Didn't I ask you to tell us honestly?"

Xie Jiwen said and refused to give the vengeful spirit any chance of begging for mercy. He struck with his whip.

"Ah!" the vengeful spirit screamed painfully.

Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin noticed that the soul of the vengeful spirit had slightly diffused.

A few seconds later, the pieces of the soul merged again.

But obviously, the soul of this vengeful spirit appeared much weaker.

“Don’t hit me! Don’t hit me!” The vengeful spirit had begged for mercy earlier. But at that time, it wasn’t beaten by the whip, so it didn’t know how powerful the whip could be.

But now, it had tasted its power.

Its soul was now on the verge of diffusing.

It had gotten a taste of its soul dispersing.

And it didn’t want to feel that pain again...

“I will tell you! I will tell!” the vengeful spirit quickly said, “I’m not even done talking, but you already whipped me.”

Chapter 3458 A Slip of the Tongue

He made it sound as though he had been wronged.

“He left this talisman for me and said that I would be able to activate this talisman when I cultivate to the fifth level. By then, he would be notified,” the vengeful spirit said.

“Where is the talisman?” Xie Jiwen immediately asked.

Before the vengeful spirit answered, Xie Jiwen hurled his whip and said,

“Don’t tell me that you didn’t bring it.”

The vengeful spirit was speechless.

“I brought it,” the vengeful spirit said as it took out a talisman.

Xie Jiwen took it and verified the authenticity of the talisman.

There was no rush to check the other things.

After it was confirmed, he put the talisman away.

After these questions were answered clearly, there were no more questions to ask.

The vengeful spirit didn’t know the answers to any more questions.

And so, Xie Jiling summoned the soul reapers.

Xie Jiling had never been to Ta Town.

Therefore, she wasn’t familiar with the soul reapers around Ta Town.

And so, the two who came did not know her.

But even though the two soul reapers did not know Xie Jiling, they knew Xie Jiwen.

Xie Jiling had to go to school, so she didn’t have a lot of time to venture around.

However, Xie Jiwen was different. He was much older than Xie Jiling and had left the house two years before her to do exorcism work.

After he graduated, he had more time to travel around.

He had never been to Ghost Town, but he had been to the counties near Ta Town.

The soul reapers here were not only in charge of the area in Ta Town, but they were also in charge of the few counties nearby.

Xie Jiwen had naturally met them when he went to the neighboring county to exorcise.

When the two soul reapers came out, they saw Xie Jiwen, so they greeted him in a familiar manner. "Mr. Xie."

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

Did the siblings of the Xie Family have a relationship with everyone in the underworld?

The two soul reapers tied up the vengeful spirit, and Xie Jiwen told them about the vengeful spirit's situation.

After saying that, the soul reapers said, "Mr. Xie, can you burn some Mala crawfish and some seafood offerings?"

"Sure. What liquor do you want?" Xie Jiwen agreed without any hesitation.

"Just beer. We want the T brand." The soul reaper even picked a brand.

Han Zhuofeng thought to himself. Were soul reapers all foodies?

It was really because soul reapers were very old and rarely had families who still remembered to burn offerings for them.

There were restaurants in the underworld just like in cities.

However, the restaurants in Ta Town made food special to Ta Town.

After eating for months and years, the soul reapers had long become sick of it.

They finally met Xie Jiwen and wanted to try something different.

The two soul reapers left after Xie Jiwen agreed.

The soul reapers at B City were much more talkative than them.

When the vengeful spirit left, the fog still didn't disperse.

This was because the vengeful spirit still hadn't retrieved the vengeful aura it had released.

Initially, they couldn't figure out the reason why the fog here had formed.

Now that they knew, they finally had a solution.

"We could have driven off the vengeful aura, which would be a quick and easy task. But I want to retrieve the vengeful aura and see if there's any way we can use it to activate the talisman and track the exorcist down." Xie Jiwen explained.

Xie Jiling nodded and said, "That is a good solution."

Xie Jiling thought about it and said, "Let's set up a spiritual power gathering formation and gather that vengeful aura."

Xie Jiling fumbled at her bag for a long time and said, "I don't have any spare jade in my bag. Do you have any?"

Hearing this, Xie Jiwen fumbled at his bag and found a jade bead tied to a string.

"This works. The energy in this jade has been used up." Xie Jiwen said.

Hu Kaiyin looked at it and noticed that it was the bead that she had been using.

Xie Jiwen had given her a jade bead and had asked her to carry it around at all times.

He said that the jade bead would work better than a protection talisman.

But before she came here, she was following Xie Jiwen around to do exorcism work.

During that time, a vengeful spirit wanted to attack her. Fortunately, the bead protected her.

But because of that, the energy in the bead was depleted.

Xie Jiwen seemed to have expected that this would happen and immediately gave her a new one.

The bead that had run out of energy was temporarily placed with him.

And now, this was the perfect time to use the bead.

Although there was only one bead and the bead wasn't big, it was good enough to carry the vengeful aura.

The vengeful spirit wasn't powerful. In addition, the vengeful aura came from its origin.

To the vengeful spirit, the vengeful aura released from the origin was very precious.

And so, it wouldn't release too much of it. It would only let out a trace.

Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin thought that they had seen more than enough surprises. They thought that they would definitely feel numb to anything that would happen to them in the future.

Nothing else would surprise them.

But they realized that they had made that claim too early.

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling had only shown them the tip of the iceberg.

There were even more shocking things!

Since Xie Jiling knew how to set up a spiritual power attracting formation, it wasn't shocking that she knew how to set up a spiritual power gathering formation.

However, the surprising thing was that they would need to cast a spiritual power locking formation on the bead to lock the vengeful aura in the bead.

A spiritual power locking formation was much more advanced and more complicated than the spiritual power attracting formation as well as the spiritual power gathering formation.

“Do you... you know how to draw a spiritual power locking formation?” Chen Dinglin blurted out.

“Of course.” Xie Jiling said, “Isn’t it one of the basics?”

“Basic...?” Zhang Dingsong was so shocked he had a slip of the tongue.

Xie Jiling nodded.

They had been taught at the house of the Xie Family. They had to learn basic information on exorcism and take courses on special area formation.

Whenever they leave the house to do exorcism work, they were doing their practicum.

Anyway, they had to learn everything.

The spiritual power attracting formation, the spiritual power gathering formation, and the spiritual power locking formation were the three basic formations.

There were other even higher-level formations derived from those three basic formations.

Of course, they were tested on their ability to change the formation to adapt to the situation.

Many formations of higher levels derived from the three basic formations were created this way.

And so, they usually needed to practice creating new formations using those three basic formations as the foundation.

As the saying went—if one method worked, all methods would work.

That was the principle.

This was how Xie Jiwen created the illusionary talisman seal he had been using earlier.

Talisman patterns were essentially a type of formation.

Protection talismans were a type of small-scale basic protection area formation.

Therefore, the soul-beating whip that Xie Jiwen made with the talisman seal was really an illusionary talisman derived from an illusionary formation.

This was because they were able to draw talisman patterns and create new ones.

But to Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin, this was something very remarkable.

But honestly, these two were just drawing smaller-sized formations.

To Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling, it was a simple task.

In addition, although drawing talismans would exhaust one’s spiritual power, such an act would also cultivate one’s spiritual power and improve one’s ability to draw formations.

Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling naturally couldn't understand why Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin were so shocked that they had to gasp.

Xie Jiling drew another spiritual power locking formation outside the spiritual power attracting formation.

Soon, everyone noticed that the fog in the Ghost Town became thinner.

To be more accurate, the fog away from them was getting thinner, and the further away the fog was from them, the thinner it seemed.

Chapter 3459 The Life of Disgusting Youngsters

The fog was gathering toward them.

When it reached them, it was even thicker than before.

Thankfully, Xie Jiling's brightness talisman was radiating a light powerful enough to ward off the fog.

Even in the thick fog, they could still see each other in the light.

Han Zhuofeng gulped and decided to muster up the courage to move two steps and lean closer to Xie Jiling.

He lowered his head and saw that Xie Jiling was busy and she was using her hand, so he couldn't hold her hand.

Han Zhuofeng thought about it and held onto the hem of Xie Jiling's shirt.

Xie Jiwen was speechless.

Xie Jiling was dumbfounded.

After a while, the fog in Ghost Town gathered in the center of the spiritual power gathering formation.

Ghost Town finally looked normal at night.

Stars could finally be seen in the night sky.

The fog had gathered together and had become white and milky.

At this moment, Xie Jiwen held the bead.

He saw the white and milky fog transform into a strand of ribbon heading toward the bead.

It was gathering into the bead in an organized manner.

It seemed to have connected with the bead.

After a while, all the fog entered the bead.

Ghost Town became completely clean as a result.

Xie Jiwen quickly cast a small spiritual power locking formation on the bead.

Then, Xie Jiwen said to Xie Jiling, "I will take this bead home and show it to the elders so that they can study it along with the talisman the vengeful spirit gave us. We might need to use the vengeful aura from the vengeful spirit's origin to activate this talisman."

"Go back to B City. Focus on school and don't worry about anything else," Xie Jiwen said.

"I will travel to Yunlin Mountain after I send these things home to do an investigation on the crack in space." Xie Jiwen said.

Xie Jiling nodded and asked, "What about the crack in space here? According to that vengeful spirit, this crack in space will appear at random times but it seems to only appear in Ghost Town."

"We will seal the crack here," Xie Jiwen said, "Just in case we got unlucky, and another vengeful spirit was teleported here through the crack in space."

Xie Jiling nodded.

At this moment, Xie Jiwen took out a compass, and the two checked the area.

They confirmed that this was the only location where movement in space was detected.

Only one of them was needed to seal up the crack.

However, to ensure no mistakes, Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling both completed it together.

This case was only considered resolved after these things were done.

Xie Jiling covered her mouth as she yawned and said, "I'm so tired. Let's go back."

They still had to be on the road for an hour.

As such, everyone went back.

While they were on the way back, Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin asked Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling many questions about exorcism.

After all, Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling knew so much more about the topic than them. Their knowledge about exorcism was beyond their imagination.

Such an opportunity was rare, so the two didn't want to waste this opportunity.

They quickly asked the burning questions confusing them.

They even asked questions about some ideas they had that they could never seem to create.

They wanted to know if those ideas were even possible to achieve.

Xie Jiling was tired, but she still gave a very detailed explanation.

As for the ideas that Zhang Dingsong and Chen Dinglin had in their minds, Xie Jiling and Xie Jiwen told them about the possibility of achieving those ideas.

Some were possible, and the methods were easy.

It wasn't that Zhang Dingsong's and Chen Dinglin's level was low. The two just did things in a very dogmatic manner. They didn't dare to change their methods to adapt and did things in a very rigid manner.

After Xie Jiwen and Xie Jiling explained things to them, the two had a moment of enlightenment.

"By the way, you should come back with me to the house of the Xie Family," Xie Jiwen said to Hu Kaiyin.

"..." Hu Kaiyin wasn't happy about it as she responded, "Why should I go home with you?"

Xie Jiling stared at Hu Kaiyin for a moment before turning to look at Xie Jiwen. "She's meeting the family already?"

Hu Kaiyin was dumbfounded.

Xie Jiwen didn't know what to say.

This naughty kid!

Why would she say the truth?!

Seeing that Hu Kaiyin was about to explode in anger, Xie Jiwen quickly explained, "No, listen to me."

Hu Kaiyin stayed silent and stared at Xie Jiwen.

Xie Jiwen then said, "Didn't I say that I would send these things home and leave for Yunlin Mountain?"

"What does that have to do with me?" Hu Kaiyin said.

"Are you really this ruthless?" Xie Jiwen looked hurt as he caressed his chest. "Yunlin Mountain is an uninhabited forest. It's very dangerous."

"I can deal with vengeful spirits, but I am no match against humans or beasts. I am especially defenseless against humans," Xie Jiwen said.

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

Why was this guy so shameless?!

Xie Jiwen said, "What if I encountered some bandits who had escaped into the mountain? Or what if someone saw me by myself and wanted to rob and kill me?"

"If I die in that uninhabited forest, no one would know where I died. They won't even know where to find my body," Xie Jiwen said.

"If I didn't encounter any bad people because I'm lucky, I still have nothing to protect me in that wilderness. What if an accident happened while I was in the mountains? What if I slipped and fell off the mountain?"

"No one will be able to help me up." Xie Jiwen described himself in a pitiful manner.

"If you don't go with me and you hear about my death, will you even cry a tear for me?" Xie Jiwen asked Hu Kaiyin pitifully.

Han Zhuofeng was shocked.

That worked?

Could he use that trick on Xie Jiling?

But Xie Jiling's temper was much better than Hu Kaiyin.

He might not have to do that.

Han Zhuofeng was thinking about it when he saw Hu Kaiyin gnashing her teeth and saying, "Did you pretend like I didn't say that I have work to do?"

She had finally finished the mission assigned to her by Mount Lan Compound and had reported back to the Mount Lan Compound.

But then, she had only gotten a good night's sleep when she was dragged here to do exorcism work.

She still hadn't even gotten any good rest.

She had been following him around doing exorcism work. It had been quite easy. She didn't feel tense like when she was carrying out her mission.

But home would always be much more comfortable than a hotel.

She normally trained at the Mount Lan Compound and had her own house at the Mount Lan Compound.

But Hu Kaiyin had bought a house of her own.

Whenever she completed her mission, she would give herself a vacation.

She would stay comfortably in her house every day without thinking about anything.

She would live the life of disgusting youngsters today.

She would sleep until she naturally woke up at noon, and she wouldn't rush to leave the bed upon waking up.

She would play with her phone.

Time would pass, and it would be afternoon before she knew it. Then, she would order takeout.

She would eat food and snacks while watching TV series or variety shows.

She would watch all the TV series and variety shows she had missed out on while she was out completing her mission.

She would stay up late if she couldn't sleep.

She would stay up until 3 or 4 am and wake up naturally at noon. This plan of hers would be her routine and cycle.

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She would live meaninglessly, recklessly, and decadently for half a month before she would return to the Mount Lan Compound.

She would get enough rest and reorganize her life.

But this time...

She was really mad that Wei Wucai suspected her.

Therefore, after she reported back to the Mount Lan Compound, she went to the set to scare Wei Wucai.

After she frightened Wei Wucai, she intended to go back home and rest.

But then, she got a phone call from Xie Jiwen, asking her for help.

She never expected this to become a trip of no return.

She had been helping him until now. She still hadn't even gotten the chance to go home.

Hu Kaiyin was furious about this.

Xie Jiwen asked puzzledly, "Didn't you just complete your mission?"

Hu Kaiyin rolled her eyes.

Han Zhuofeng really wanted to remind her not to roll her eyes like this in such a dark place.

It looked scary.

Hu Kaiyin said, "So you are aware that I have just completed my mission? I have been traveling outside for a long time, feeling tense all this time. I finally finished the mission and was finally able to rest. Yet, you summoned me again."

"I have no problem with helping you, but you have to let me rest, right?" Hu Kaiyin said angrily, "I want to rest."

Xie Jiwen sighed and said, "Sure. Just wait at home to hear the news of me getting into an accident."

"Brother!" Xie Jiling called out, expressing her dissatisfaction.

No one should curse themselves like this!

Exorcists should know best not to say such nonsense. Didn't he know?

If this caused karma, he would be doomed!

Hu Kaiyin obviously knew a little. When she heard what Xie Jiwen said, she was so angry that she shut her mouth tight.

Xie Jiwen felt guilty. He just wanted to find reasons to stay with Hu Kaiyin, but he forgot to consider her feelings.

Xie Jiwen thought about it and said, "There's no rush. We can go back to the house of the Xie Family, and you can get a good rest. I have to study the talisman with the elders, so there's no rush for us to leave for Yunlin Mountain."

"I could also ask my little brother to do this task." Xie Jiwen did not have to be the one to go to Yunlin Mountain.

"Just treat the house of the Xie Family as your own house," Xie Jiwen said.

Hu Kaiyin nodded forcefully.

But then, Hu Kaiyin realized something wrong.

"Since you are able to let someone else go to Yunlin Mountain, this means you don't need me to protect you anymore?" Hu Kaiyin asked.

Xie Jiwen was speechless.

This was a slip of tongue!

"That is if you really don't want to travel," Xie Jiwen immediately said, "Actually, I still want to go by myself. Since I was the one who previously handled it, I would know better."

"However, we have a limited number of people in the family. If it were someone else, they would be going by themselves, and they would be in danger as well. It's better if I go."

"Although I don't know Yunlin Mountain like the back of my hand, I am more familiar with it than them." Xie Jiwen said.

"Sure. I promised you. I won't go back on my words." Hu Kaiyin was not stupid.

Xie Jiwen was obviously saying that he wanted her to go with him.

Hu Kaiyin cast a suspicious glance at Xie Jiwen.

She had her doubts about Xie Jiwen's intentions.

However, since Xie Jiwen refused to say a word, she didn't want to bring it up.

Xie Jiwen obviously didn't book the same homestay as Han Zhuofeng.

However, his homestay was near their homestay.

The two homestays were about a ten-minute walk from each other.

However, Xie Jiwen found out that Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng were staying in the same homestay, so he felt worried.

Han Zhuofeng didn't look like a decent human being.

He was worried that Han Zhuofeng might find chances to take advantage of Xie Jiling.

“Jiling.” Since Hu Kaiyin had agreed to leave with him, Xie Jiwen had resolved his problem, and he was now in the mood to worry about Xie Jiling.

When Xie Jiling heard him, she looked over at Xie Jiwen.

She heard Xie Jiwen say, “All the rooms in your homestay are booked, but my homestay still has available rooms. Why don’t you check into a room in my homestay?”

Before Xie Jiling could answer, Han Zhuofeng interrupted, “Big Brother, we have been really busy, and it’s almost daytime. If she switched to a new homestay, she would need to spend a lot of time packing her luggage. That would be very tiring.”

“...” Xie Jiwen had endured for a long time. He finally blurted out, “I am not your big brother!”

“Big Brother, what are you saying? Jiling and I are friends. If you are her big brother and you are older than me, there is nothing wrong with me calling you big brother like she does.” Han Zhuofeng said.

“In addition, if I call you something else, it will feel as though we are strangers.” Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiwen didn’t want to talk to Han Zhuofeng.

However, Han Zhuofeng was being reasonable.

They were busy with things until this late at night. It would be too tiring if he made Xie Jiling pack her luggage again.

If she had the time to do that, she might as well use that time to rest.

But then, Han Zhuofeng said, “Big Brother, you don’t have to worry about her with me here. I am staying with Jiling. I can take care of her.”

Xie Jiwen sneered and thought to himself. ‘Your presence is the exact reason why I am worried.’

Xie Jiwen frowned and said, “Staying with her?”

“We are staying in the same homestay but not the same room. Don’t be misunderstood,” Han Zhuofeng said immediately.

To make things easier, he didn’t say it clearly.

Han Zhuofeng refused to admit that he was trying to take advantage of Xie Jiling with the use of words.

But Xie Jiwen reacted so quickly and was even picking on his words!

Xie Jiling glanced over at Han Zhuofeng. She decided not to tell Xie Jiwen about last night when Han Zhuofeng came to her room and slept on the carpet.

Oh no. It should be the night before last night.

“Use your brain. Jiling is not stupid,” Xie Jiwen said with contempt.

Xie Jiling was dumbfounded.

Why did she feel like she had just been cursed?

Xie Jiwen didn't bother too much about it anymore.

Although Xie Jiwen was guarding against Han Zhuofeng, he still trusted his character.

When Xie Jiwen and Hu Kaiyin left, Xie Jiling followed Hu Kaiyin and went back to their homestay.

But Han Zhuoling and the others weren't asleep.

They were all waiting in the living room of the villa.

When Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng stepped inside, they saw Han Zhuoling and the others sitting at the sofa.

There were four cups of coffee on the coffee table, and the aroma of coffee had diffused throughout the room.

Obviously, they were worried about them. So, they drank coffee and waited all night.

"Brother." Han Zhuofeng called out.

When Han Zhuoling heard this, he immediately jumped.

When he saw that both of them were fine, he let out a sigh of relief.

"You all didn't sleep for the entire night?" Han Zhuofeng asked.

"How can we sleep when you guys aren't back?" Shi Xiaoya said, "Now that we saw that you're fine, we will be fine as well."

Han Zhuoling nodded. They were the first ones to return to the homestay.

And they were worried about Han Zhuofeng.

As such, they decided to wait until he made it back safely.

Now that the people they had been waiting for had arrived, Han Zhuoling said, "It's good that you guys are back. Go sleep and talk about it tomorrow."

"Okay." Han Zhuofeng nodded, agreeing to do what Xie Jiling said.

Still, he felt bad. He knew that his brother and sisters-in-law were worried about him.

He felt warm inside.

The feeling of someone waiting for him and being worried for him really made him feel warm inside.

Han Zhuoling and the other three went back to sleep.

They had stayed up for the night, so even coffee was losing its effect.